

CSV Make a Difference Day 2005

CSV Make a Difference Day is the biggest day of direct volunteering in the UK and over 100, 000 people throughout the country are expected to take part this year – in the year of the volunteer. The day is organised by the charity Community Service Volunteers and encourages young people to try volunteering for one day - to make a positive impact in their school and wider community.

This will be the tenth annual CSV Make a Difference Day and takes place on 29 October, although activities can be done from 22nd October – 5th November.

Taking part is a great and easy chance for you and your school to

- boost PSHE, Citizenship or CPD teaching
- promote volunteering opportunities for pupils
- raise and discuss relevant issues with pupils
- directly link in with the community and organisations
- kick start longer-term volunteering opportunities

On CSV Make a Difference Day, 2004

- 64% of volunteers were under 25 - a testament to the contribution of schools and youth groups
- 64% of projects established positive, practical partnerships with other community groups and charitable organisations
- 30, 000 young people took part through schools and youth clubs
- Projects included running fair trade lunches, organising sports activities, holding 'no bullying' days, painting murals, and setting-up peer mentoring schemes and conservation projects – and these are to name but a few.

Free Resources

- We have four teacher packs, sourced from national charities such as Save the Children and Christian Aid, which include lesson plans and assembly ideas, of which you can request one of on registration.
- We also have five How-To Kits, which are step by step guides to certain activities that can be done for the day.
- Everybody who registers, also receives an Action Pack which comes with an activity organiser's guide, balloons, stickers, sweets, posters and a certificate for all involved - to ensure the day is as successful as it can be.

Innovation Fund

- The Year of the Volunteer has meant that there are a limited number of grants available this October, of up to £100, for projects with at least two members under the age of 18, carrying out a citizenship based event.
- The aim of the Innovation Fund is to support groups of young volunteers to take action in their communities on and around CSV Make a Difference Day 2005, and to link with the Year of the Volunteer's Citizenship and Community month in October.

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